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Brother Acts Hold Key Roles In Government

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25 (CP) —

Three sets of brothers are playing an important role in running the Federal Government.

They sit in the White House, the Department of State, the attorney general's office, the office of education, and the top-secret Central Intelligence Agency.

Possibly never before have brothers loomed so large in the affairs of a national administration.

The brothers, of course, are President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Dr. Milton Eisenhower, the White House trouble shooter; Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell, Jr., and Samuel M. Brownell, commissioner of education, and Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, and Allen W. Dulles, director of Central Intelligence.

Lodge Brothers Active

There is also another pair of brothers in Government, but not in the same category. They are Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., United States ambassador to the United Nations, and Gov. John Lodge of Connecticut.

Of the brothers, only Dr. Milton Eisenhower holds no regular employment in Government. He is president of Pennsylvania State College.

However, President Eisenhower calls upon his brother frequently for special assignments, the most recent being a trip to Latin American countries to survey the economic-political situation there. He is also on the President's commission on streamlining the Defense Department.

Other Brownell A Newcomer

The most recent newcomer to Washington is Samuel Miller Brownell, who left the presidency of New Haven State Teachers College to handle the thorny problems of United States commissioner of education. Dr. Brownell's younger brother, Herbert, was a proud witness to his swearing in as successor to Dr. Lee M. Thurston, who died Sept. 4 after only two months in office.

The part played by John Foster Dulles needs little explanation. As secretary of state he fills the No. 1 Cabinet post. He is the man upon whom the President relies most for advice on foreign policy.

However, brother Allen is not as well known and shuns publicity. He heads the far-flung Central Intelligence Agency, whose task it is to gather secret information from all over the world for the United States government.

Served With OSS

Allen Dulles served during World War II with the Office of Strategic Services, the American cloak-and-dagger outfit which operated behind enemy lines. Prior to that he had a distinguished career in Government, going back to 1916 when he entered the United States diplomatic service.

Interestingly enough he served with the State Department long before his brother. From 1922 to 1926 he was chief of its division of near eastern affairs. Prior to that he served in the foreign service in France, Germany, Turkey, Switzerland and Austria.

There was for a time another important brother team active in government—the late Senator Robert A. Taft of Ohio and Charles P. Taft. Charles was active in civic affairs in Cincinnati and a federal official in the Administration of the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt.